

# BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



## Message from your First Selectman

June 2019

### Budget Postcard

The town is aware that residents received a reminder to vote several days after the May 21 Town and School Budget Referendum. The postcards should have arrived May 16, but unfortunately were delayed at the post office. Please [subscribe here](#) to any of several newsletters on the town website you want to receive. This is the most timely way to inform you of upcoming votes and other important information. These email reminders can help ensure you do not miss anything of importance to you.

### Macroburst Thank You Picnic

We thank Costco, ShopRite and Stew Leonard's for the food and picnic supplies donated for the town's picnic on May 19.

### Streetscape Phase II

We have hired the contractor for Phase II, which will extend improvements on both sides of Federal Road from Best Buys Discount Tires to the former Hearth restaurant. We have a grant that covers more than two-thirds of the cost. Work will begin in the next few weeks.

### Streetscape Phase III

We are changing our zoning so that Phase III construction will be identical to the first two phases, with the same granite curbing, upgraded street lights and concrete driveway aprons. We believe that these changes will ensure we meet grant requirements, which makes them eligible for state reimbursement. This phase, which will run up Laurel Hill and Old Route 7, is scheduled to start in spring 2020.

### Streetscape Phase IV

After extensive review by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), our streetscape was voted the top project in the region and will now go to the state for review to compete with other projects for funding. We applied for a grant through WestCOG to pay for 80% of Phase IV, which will run from the intersection at the gas stations all the way up to Newbury Village. We plan to start this project in spring of 2021.

### New School Project

The Board of Selectmen, following the recommendation of the Municipal Building Committee after interviewing three companies, has approved the choice of Tecton Architects to design the new school. Design will begin immediately. We submitted our grant application to the state, and expect final commitment early next year.

## Reminder: Route 133 Bridge Work Update

The State DOT has begun work on the bridge. Based on existing bridge deck issues, the work has been delayed by about 30 days. Please read the update on the town [website](#).

**Steve Dunn**  
First Selectman



### Important Alerts

#### Assessor

If you are opening or closing a business, please visit our office after reviewing information on the town's [website](#).

#### Men's Health Month

Throughout June, Men's Health Month focuses on improving lifestyles. While there are several approaches to improving overall health, diet and exercise are the most important. And it's essential to encourage men to get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. For more information visit [the Men's Health Month website](#).

#### Public Works

The brush yard, which is open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., is located behind the firehouse on Pocono Road. Permits are available during normal business hours at the Town Hall Department of Public Works, or at the yard on Saturdays. Please have valid identification. Saturday closures and additional information is located on the town [website](#).

#### Tax Collector

Real estate and personal property bills will be mailed in June, and are due July 1, 2019. The last day to pay without interest is August 1, 2019. Visit the town [website](#) for more information.

#### Town Clerk

The Town Clerk is offering extended hours in June for Dog Licensing Month every Saturday in June from 9 – 11 a.m. Visit the town [website](#) for more information.



### Mark Your Calendar

#### Police Department

Members of the Brookfield Police Department will be participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics CT on June 7. Visit the Special Olympics [website](#) for further information. The 2019 3-Day Law Enforcement Torch Run is scheduled June 5, 6, and 7. Find the route through Brookfield by visiting this [link](#), then come out to cheer on your local officers and athletes. Please join us for other Torch Run events throughout the entire year. This [link](#) will be regularly updated as we add new events. And follow us on social media @CTLETR. Be sure to check out photos from events year-round by visiting our Smug Mug [album](#).

#### Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

*Keep running, Keep believing,  
Keep inspiring*

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Connecticut is more than just an event.

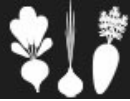
It is a mission, a serious commitment by the law enforcement community to pay homage to our heroes - Special Olympics Connecticut athletes and their families.

#### Economic and Community Development

Join us for the second workshop in the Building a Better Business Series: Business Planning 101 on June 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Refreshments will be served from First Bite Catering. Please RSVP through the Eventbrite Link [here](#).

## Veterans of Foreign Wars Brookfield Memorial Post 10201

Brookfield VFW Post Mounts American Flags along Major Town Routes. Visit the town [website](#) for more information.



## Farmers Market

The Farmers Market will return on June 21 from 3 - 6 p.m. at Town Hall. Stop by the horses at 100 Pocono Road every Friday to get fresh vegetables and other great products. There will be both new and returning vendors, and live music.

## Coffee with the Community

Saturday, June 29, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 143 Federal Road. We encourage you to stop by with any questions or concerns. This event is scheduled on the last Saturday of each month.



## Parks & Rec

The Town Beach is now open on weekends and will begin weekday hours on Wednesday, June 19. More information on passes [here](#).

The Newtown Savings Bank Concerts in the Park series begins on Friday, June 21. Full schedule available [here](#).



## Library

At the library this month: Father's Day Crafts, a children's author visit, an upgrade to the children's area, the opening of the library's Art Gallery ([Invitation here](#)), Finals Café for high school students, Teen movie night, an Interactive Book Signing, and an alcohol ink painting class. For a listing of all activities offered in June, check out our [website](#). Be sure to check that site regularly for details regarding this year's "One Town One Read" selection. Stop by to visit us at the Town Block Party on June 9!



## Schools

Congratulations to the following Staff Members of the Year and Teachers of the Year for the 2018 – 2019 school year!

### Staff Members of the Year

CES	Michelle Vettorino
HHES	Deb Varotsis
WMS	Patricia Lynch
BHS	Diane Holmes
TSO	Joan Reynolds

### Teachers of the Year

CES	Samantha Hannon
HHES	Mollie Prizio
WMS	Marsi Boon
BHS	Ernesto Davila



## Sewer Commission

The Water Pollution Control Authority office has moved from Town Hall to a new Operations Center at 53A Commerce Road, and designed a new [website](#).

In May, the WPCA was awarded two state study grants for a total of \$330,000. One is for a comprehensive, forward-looking Facilities Plan, required by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). The other is to study creative approaches to intercepting septic flow from Brookfield properties into Candlewood Lake. State Rep. Steve Harding and State Sen. Craig Miner were helpful in obtaining the grant awards, with the support of First Selectman Dunn. Details are on the website.

Brookfield's system has 33 miles of sewer infrastructure servicing commerce along Federal Road, all the schools, and many condo complexes. Fourteen pump stations collect wastewater and pump it to Danbury for treatment. See a 2-minute [video](#) on the history of sewers, including Brookfield.

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